

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 9-40 are pending. Claims 1-8 have been canceled herein.

II. Response to the Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect the claims of Group II, claims 9-24, with traverse. In conformity with Office practice, the use claims have been amended to be method claims. No new matter has been added.

The Requirement also imposes a requirement that Applicants elect a species among the group consisting of obstructive pulmonary disease, interstitial lung disease, and asthma. Applicants elect as a species obstructive pulmonary disease. The claims reading upon the elected species are: 9, 10, and 14-21.

Applicants understand that the Examiner will examine the non-elected species in this proceeding upon finding the elected species patentable over the art.

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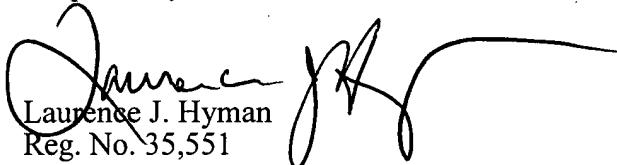
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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